

WIN'S OFFICIAL BLAMES CONSPIRATORS FOR MUNITION BLAST THAT KILLED 129 PERSONS

DEAD, INJURED AND MISSING

The Dead

Owing to the many conflicting reports of the number of dead, missing and injured it is impossible at this time to obtain a full list. No two reports agree absolutely. It is estimated that 129 persons have been recovered. The total number of dead is estimated at 129. Of these 49 bodies have been identified. The injured at 300, of whom 94 are identified in hospitals and more than 75 are reported missing. The list of those employed in the building were destroyed at the time of the explosion. Up-to-the-minute lists of the identified dead, missing and injured follow.

BITTINGER, LEO, 1838 South Fifty-fourth street, Philadelphia, identified by brother, George Bittinger, of Trenton, Pa.
DE MEYER, E., Chester.
FERRIS, BERTHA, 710 East Fifth street, Chester, identified by Thomas Bailey, Chester.
JENNIE, R., 6129 Gray's avenue, Philadelphia, identified by mother, Margaret Fries.
GRUB, MIFODE, Philadelphia.
GOOD, HELEN, Seventy-ninth and Grover street, Philadelphia.
GRIFITH, MRS. HELEN, address unknown.
GREEN, ALICE, 2381 South Seventy-first street, Philadelphia, identified by uncle, J. M. Donner, Marcus Hook, Pa.
JONES, ANNA, Collingdale.
JONES, FLORENCE, Chester.
KIMBLE, MICHAEL, Philadelphia.
MOULTON, SAMUEL, 804 East Eighth street, Chester, identified by Koma Lacomick, same address.
MCCARTHY, LIZZIE, Crum Lynne, Pa., identified by uncle, James Creigan, of Crum Lynne.
MCCARTHY, MAMIE, Chester.
MARANO, GIUSEPPE, 900 North Second street, Philadelphia.
MOLEVIC, JAMES, Eddystone.
MARTIN, DAVID, 6108 Woodland avenue, Philadelphia.
MCCREARY, FLORENCE, seventeen years, 102 Mulvane street, Chester, identified by sister, Georgianna McIntire.
MORAY, WILLIAM HARPER, of Charlottesville, Va., Canada, temporary residence 3030 Alden street, Philadelphia, identified by friends.
MEREDITH, MRS. MARY B., 1227 South Forty-ninth street, Philadelphia, identified by husband.
MURPHY, MICHAEL, 255 East Third street, Chester, identified by friend.
MOORE, ELAIE, Pusey avenue, Collingdale, Pa., identified by friends.
MYERS, MABEL, 901 West Ninth street, Chester, died in Taylor Hospital, Ridley Park, Chester, Pa., identified by husband.
MYERS, SARAH T., Fifth and Howell streets, Chester, Pa., identified by husband.
OSTATZ, SAMUEL, Lelleville, Pa., died in Taylor Hospital, Ridley Park, Chester, Pa., identified by friends.
ORDENWAY, ESTHER, 504 West Sixth street, identified by friends.
PABSON, ANTHONY G., Moore, Pa., identified by sister.
POOL, JAMES, Chester.
PABSON, ANTHONY G., Moore, Pa., identified by sister-in-law.
PINCETTI, THOMAS, Lelleville, Pa.
PURDY, HARRY, Chester.
SMITH, MARY, 2107 St. James terrace, Philadelphia.
STEAR, ANNA, 7702 Laycock avenue, Philadelphia, identified by friend.
STELERAGEL, ANNA, 702 Mulvane street, Chester.
BUCKFORD, MRS. HELEN, 8320 Barram avenue, Philadelphia.
STUPOR, KATHERINE, 6605 Greenway avenue, Sutor, Mabel, Philadelphia, died in Taylor Hospital, Ridley Park, Chester, Pa., identified by friends.
TAYLOR, CELIA, Eastington, Pa., identified by friends.
TAYLOR, MATILDA, 8733 Laycock avenue, Philadelphia, identified by friends.
TAKOROKI, SIMON, 508 Edgemont avenue, Chester.
WALLA, HILDA, 1908 George's avenue, Philadelphia.
WARDENHEND, WILLIAM, Eddystone.
WILKINSKI, GEORGE, 33 West Cumberland street, Philadelphia.
WUKETA, MANUEL, Eddystone.
YATES, HATTIE, 1319 Eleventh street, Eddystone, Pa.

The Dying

CANTORE, JOSEPH, 306 West Thirty-second street, Chester, Chester, buried about entire face and body.
CANDEM, MICHAEL, 1110 Carpenter street, Philadelphia, serious condition, Crozer Hospital, Chester.
CROWT, BLANCHE, 5820 Upland street, Philadelphia.
FONTER, JULIAN, 1223 South Fifth street, Philadelphia.
GREENKO, BASIL, address unknown.
MAGUIRE, DOROTHY, Felton, Pa.

The Missing

ANDERSON, GEORGE, Quakertown, Pa.
BEATTY, IDA, 2629 South Juniper street, Philadelphia.
BURKE, STEPHEN, 2224 West Third street, Chester.
COPE, BERT, Asbury Park.
CREGAN, ELIZABETH, Crum Lynne.
CREGAN, MAMIE, Crum Lynne.
CRODIN, ETHEL, 8217 Crofton avenue, Philadelphia.
CUBIN, ALFRED, Chester.
CULVER, ANNA, Chester.
DIDO, JOSEPH, 2402 Callowhill street, Philadelphia.
FURLONG, MARY, Chester.
GATTY, ELIZABETH, 5318 Glenmore avenue, Philadelphia.
GREENSTON, LOUIS, 1720 South Fourth street, Philadelphia.
HONNER, MARY, 5906 Tincum avenue, Philadelphia.
HICKS, ARTHUR, 1001 Chester pike, Chester.
JENNINS, JOSEPH, 1715 Vine street, Philadelphia.
JONES, LILLIAN, Chester.
KELLY, MARY, Sixty-ninth street and Chester avenue, Philadelphia.
MCCARTHY, MADELAINE, Philadelphia.
MARTIN, ROY, Asbury Park.
MONTGOMERY, SARAH, Philadelphia.
MORRIS, HENRY, Asbury Park.
MORRIS, VERNON, Asbury Park.
PATTON, THOMAS, address unknown.
PENNINGTON, CECILIA, 700 Jefferson street, Chester.
POPE, BERT, address unknown.
FREDEGAST, GEORGE, Chester.
RODGERS, LOUISE, 354 Polton street, Chester.
SALICE, ALEXANDER, 228 Howell street, Chester.
SEORE, EDWARD, Chester.
TAYLOR, EARL, Eastington.
TAYLOR, NORMAN, 12 Flower street, Chester.
TAYLOR, SARAH, 2881 Howe street, Chester.
THOMPSON, MRS., Chester.
WALLACE, FRANK, 1061 Springfield avenue, Collingdale.
WEINER, HELEN, Woodbury, N. J.
WILLIAMS, LAURA, 2514 Ridge avenue, Philadelphia.
WILD, FRED, Chester.

The Injured

APFORD, JULIAN, 1032 Ellsworth street, Philadelphia, serious condition, Crozer Hospital.
ASANKI, MICHAEL, Eddystone, Pa., foot and arm injured, Chester Hospital.
BRIDGES, FREDERICK, Chester.
BRIDGES, DOMINIC, 442 North Ninth street, Philadelphia, serious condition, Chester Hospital.

LEADERS IN EDDYSTONE RELIEF WORK



This photograph was taken in the Chester City Hall. It shows Mayor Wesley S. McDowell, of Chester, and Miss Jean Gordon Camp organizing the work of relief for the stricken families, many made destitute by the Eddystone explosion. Miss Camp is secretary of the Associated Charities of Chester.

because of rumors that the plant was to be blown up. About 625 persons were in section F, the wrecked group of buildings.

NEARLY HUNDRED STILL MISSING
Between 75 and 100, including many Philadelphians, were reported missing this afternoon.

The list of injured is about 300. Many of these, who are in hospitals in Chester and Ridley Park and in temporary hospitals, are critically injured. Besides Garbarino's Philadelphia men, Federal investigators were hurried from Washington and New York.

The buildings are owned by the Baldwin Locomotive Works, which erected them at a cost of \$1,500,000. When the ammunition company assumed charge of the plant to fill an order for 2,500,000 shrapnel shells it was reported that the Baldwin concern was to be reimbursed for its outlay and that the buildings were to revert to it at the conclusion of the contract.

Andrew Fletcher, of New York, was chosen president of the ammunition company, and Samuel M. Vaulain, vice president of the locomotive works, was made the Philadelphia representative in the directorate. It was reported last September that because of difficulties in operation an Anglo-Russian commission had taken over the conduct of the plant.

Plans for a great community funeral for the victims of the disaster, including a public burial for the unidentified dead, were advanced today by Mayor Wesley S. McDowell, of Chester, at a meeting of the Chester division of the State Committee for Public Safety and Defense appointed by Governor Drumbaugh.

Mayor McDowell, who is chairman of the committee, advocated the project. He said: "We should not drag out this horror for several days. Let us get it over with as soon as possible. It will be a wonderful spectacle and better finished at once. Let us set one day for it."

Other members of the committee include State Senator William C. Sprull, George C. Hetzel, Elwood J. Turner, William A. Byer and Charles B. Mould.

Undertakers in every village and hamlet for miles around Chester and Eddystone are taxed by the demand for coffins. Outside help surely will be needed to supply the caskets.

The fragments of bodies that cannot be identified will be buried at public expense. Relief funds will be used for this purpose. Several thousand dollars have been poured into the Mayor's office at Chester for the relief of families become needy through the disaster.

TEN FEET FROM SCENE
The statement from Lester Moulton, a shop foreman in the finishing room of "Old F" house, where the first explosion drove him through the door, was obtained today after he was discharged from the Taylor Hospital, Ridley Park.

He was only ten feet away from the spot where the first explosion occurred, he declared. It could not have been an accident, but was the work of a plotter, he said. There was nothing in the room where he and twelve girls were at work that could have caused the explosion unless it was an unseen device, in his opinion.

Moulton, who lives in Aberdeen, Md., received only minor burns and a few cuts on the head.

nearly impossible for any one to carry a bomb or time fuse arrangement into the works, because of the scrutiny of the guards. Every package taken into the plant is examined. A suspicious bulge about the clothing of any employee entering the works would cause the guards to pull him out of line and put him through a thorough search.

"A man bent on destruction regardless of the cost to himself, could readily accomplish some terrible results. It is extremely difficult to guard against men such as these, although the slightest suspicious move on the part of an employee is reported to the office immediately. The action then is swift. The man is questioned and searched. If nothing develops from these methods he is discharged on general principles."

GERMANS EMPLOYED
George Dwyer said today that evidence of intentional destruction is too strong to be denied. He survived the concussion.

"For one thing," Dwyer said, "there was little attempt to protect the plant from Germans and Austrians who might be dangerous. Many men of these nationalities were employed."

"I have seen so much carelessness on the part of workmen that I do not produce accidents that I feel a match must have been touched off to the plant to make it go up. In other words, I don't think the explosion could have come by chance."

Then Dwyer added a sentence that is heard on all sides from survivors able to articulate.

"The explosion came from the outside, not the inside of the building."

A Philadelphia physician who questioned nearly all the survivors and turned in a report to the Eddystone concern, said:

"All of the women and many of the men agree that the explosion came from the outside."

Those are views expressed many hours after the blast, when the excitement and panic have cleared away. It is agreed by workmen of the plant that the place where the explosion occurred is exactly the place that a plotter would have chosen. Only in the shrapnel house could great havoc be wrought by simple means.

Assistant District Attorney William Taylor, of Media, said that no Grand Jury investigation could be made at this time. The next Grand Jury will be empaneled in June. The District Attorney's office has not yet instituted a probe. In the main, those who do not say or hint that they believe in the plot theory are non-committal.

A constant hazard of ammunition making is held by some to indicate that fate was behind the tragedy. Others declare that it would be very much to the interest of the Eddystone company to have the plot idea disproved. True, on the ground that it would absolve the corporation of negligence.

All suspects arrested yesterday in and near the ammunition plant have been released, according to officials of the company. They were questioned as to their whereabouts at the time of the explosion and gave satisfactory accounts of their doings. It was said that at present it is improbable that a guard will be further augmented. Such action might be taken later, it was intimated.

TO PAY CLAIMS SPEEDILY
Speedy adjustment by the Eddystone Corporation of compensation claims arising from yesterday's disaster was promised today in a statement issued by William L. Shaffer, general counsel for the company. The statement follows:

The Eddystone Ammunition Corporation desires to meet the situation growing out of compensation claims for dead and injured in yesterday's disaster in the broadest and most liberal spirit. To this end I have taken up with Harry A. Mackey, the chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board, working out the quickest and most equitable adjustments of these claims.

Mr. Mackey, with his usual prompt grasp of important situations, has brushed all red tape aside and is coming to Chester personally to meet me tomorrow (Thursday) to formulate a plan to take care of all these claims.

In order to systematize and work out satisfactory results, all persons having lawful compensation claims should make this fact known to Mr. Mackey or J. Barton Weeks, who will be associated with me in the adjustment of the claims.

FINANCES PROVIDED
The entire finances of Chester were placed at the command of Mayor McDowell by a resolution passed by the City Council at a special meeting this morning. This money is to be used to help the needy families of the victims and to defray the funeral expenses of the unidentified dead.

The resolution specifically placed the finances of the city at the disposal of the Chester division of the Committee on Public Safety, of which Mayor McDowell is chairman. The money is available immediately.

Another resolution passed instructed A. R. Granger, chairman of the Public Safety Committee on Motifs and Motor-trucks, to ascertain the capacity of every truck and motor vehicle in the city. These will be listed and given numbers, so that in case of an emergency, such as yesterday's catastrophe, there will be no difficulty experienced, as was the case then, when many of them were held up going through the guard line.

Miller, a civil engineer, of 35 North Third street, Camden. He was arrested at his home after Judge William C. French overheard him tell a companion in a restaurant that he had investigated the explosion and found that "it was not Germans who did it, but a girl smoking cigarettes near a pile of powder." Judge French followed him home and summoned Judge Frank T. Lloyd, chairman of the Camden Public Safety Committee. They decided to arrest him. Cammiller, they said, had a connection with the disaster was vague, but they are investigating the case. He is said to be of German extraction and a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

An Austrian employee, Jacob Silverman, injured in the explosion, is under surveillance, and his father, David Silverman, of New York, was arrested because of a telephone call to a suspicious. Major Meehan, of the First Pennsylvania Infantry, National Guard, declined to divulge the contents of the telegram.

Referring to some of the wounded foremen who joined actively in the investigation were G. Chai Port, State Fire Marshal, and a corps of deputies; Lew Palmer, chief of the Bureau of Inspection of the State Department of Labor and Industry, and Chief of Police Vanoy of Chester.

The corporation's detectives, under Lieutenant T. St. John Greble, also took part. The names of employees who did not report for work yesterday are being checked up. On the possibility that the mails were used to send explosives into the plant, postal inspectors were assigned to the case by Chief James T. Cortelyou.

GIRL WHO ESCAPED TELLS OF HER WORK
By a Staff Correspondent.

CHESTER, Pa., April 11.—Scores of men, unnerfed by the great calamity of yesterday, left their jobs at the Eddystone munition plant today, and seemed to be anxious to get as far away from the scene as possible. Despite their action, a large number of men and women applied to take their places. Many of these have been out of employment for some time and actual necessity has made them indifferent to danger.

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Which is the impression merely of one of the trained girls who worked in the shop where "there was a flash—of orange—and then blows clubbing to merciful darkness." The girl in question was not only a worker on munitions, but a forelady in the shop where the laden rain and fire killed a hundred or more girls and men yesterday. She is Marie Creghan, of Crum Lynne and it was only a few days ago that she kept her in the hospital until a few days ago that caused her to be absent when the explosion came.

"The shells come up from another plant," she said today, when asked just how the shells were filled with powder and ball and how the girls were supervised, "and the girls first fill them with black, smokeless powder. They have on a table before them the powder and scales and along come these 'jitneys' on which are twenty-four shells to be filled. The girls weigh out the powder and dump it into the shells which are then rolled along to the next room, where men are employed."

"This room is called the 'juggling room' and the powder that the girls have poured into the shells is twisted around until it lies flat in the shells."

"Once more the shells are moved on, and this time girls once more aid in their filling; cylinders of paste board are next pressed on the black powder and the next process results in plain powder and lead being then put in. The girls put some kind of grease on the shells to keep it airtight and then shine it."

"This is not all, however, for into the bottom of each shell they put black powder and pellets. That is about all they do in this department."

"Not especially," she explained, "work was done before them about waist high, and that, I suppose, is the reason why so many of them were killed. The balls went into their brains."

"Close supervision exercised over the girls," she was asked.

"Not especially. They come in the morning at 7 o'clock and aren't examined until after the pass everybody carried, looked at, then they go straight to the dressing room and then to their tables, where the foreman checks up on and sees who's missing and whether any girl is there that doesn't belong there. About 9 o'clock the timekeeper takes the number of those who are on duty and does the same thing in the afternoon."

Miss Creghan is a cousin of the McCarthy sisters, who were both killed in the explosion, while many of her friends are girls who formerly worked under her supervision when the shells ripped flesh to shreds.

TERRIFIED EMPLOYEES QUIT SCENE OF CATASTROPHE

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